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OFFICIAL COUNTY PAPER

## ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

### Another Case of Did not know it Was Loaded--Baby Shot Through The Leg.

On Tuesday morning a very serious accident occurred at Thatcher through carelessly allowing children to play with a gun. On Monday evening the 10 year old son of Wm. Moody had been out hunting with a 22-calibre rifle, and on returning placed the gun in a corner of one of the rooms, having neglected to unload it. Next morning the two year old baby was playing in the room and seeing the gun, naturally wanted it, and it was given what it wanted. After playing with the gun some time, another child, next older than the baby, came in and wanted to play with the gun too. He took it, remarking: "Let me show you how to shoot." He pointed the gun at the baby and pulled the trigger. The baby screamed and when the mother reached it it was lying on the floor covered with blood. Dr. Warner was summoned and found that the ball had entered the right leg just above the knee, tore its way diagonally through the fleshy part of the leg and came out underneath the thigh, tearing away the end of one of its fingers. Fortunately the ball missed the large artery and also the bone. The doctor reports the baby as getting along nicely and apprehends no serious consequences unless blood poison sets in.

## Treatment of The Eye.

C. W. Stone, the optician expects to leave today for a business trip through the southern part of the territory. He has a number of clients in the Gila valley and for the past two weeks has been trying to get away from Mesa to visit them, but has been detained by the large amount of home business. Mr. Stone has treated some very difficult cases in Mesa, with marked success. One lady that we personally know, tried different opticians for three years but could get no relief. A short time since Mr. Stone fitted her with glasses, and now she says she has perfect vision and can "read for hours without tiring my eyes in the least." We could give the names of a score of people in this community who have been fitted by Mr. Stone, some of the cases being very difficult, and who are now able to use their vision with ease and as clearly as any one could desire. Mr. Stone's business has grown to such an extent, covering so large a territory, that it keeps him on the move a great part of his time. He expects to be away two weeks on the present trip.—Mesa Free Press.

## PIMA ITEMS.

The holidays passed pleasantly, no accidents or disorder and every one seems to be happy, at least three couples of Pima's most popular young folks are perhaps the happiest, as they have begun the year 1904 upon a happy voyage on the sea of matrimony. We wish them a safe journey.

Isaac Blake has returned from Utah, where he has been for the past three years. There is nothing like the sunny south in the winter time.

Mrs. Arthur Lines left for Clifton Monday, where she will join her husband, who is engaged in the dairy business at that place.

Most of the boys who came home to spend the holidays have returned to the mining camps to again take up their labors.

School started again Monday

morning with a large attendance.

A White baby girl came to spend Christmas with our townman J. T. White, and she has had such a delightful reception that she has decided to make this her home.

Thomas Kerby is quite ill with the mumps.

A daughter came to gladden the home of Don C. McBride since our last report.

Mrs. Wm. E. McBride is reported to be quite ill.

Officers Stowe and McBride don't want any one to ask them anything about that confiscated beef, because they don't know anything about it.

Mrs. L. M. Gustafson returned from Morenci Monday, where she has been spending the holidays with her son, S. S. Green, who is at work at that place. She reports an enjoyable time.

E. W. Gray returned from the Montezuma mines Sunday. He has had charge of them during the absence of Foreman Holladay.

Miss Charlotte Rogers has accepted a possession with D. W. Wickersham's family and leaves today for Los Angeles, Cal.

The people of Pima enjoyed a rare treat in witnessing the performance given by the Arizona Comedy company on New Years night.

## City Council Minutes.

Meeting of common council of Safford, Graham county, Arizona, Jan. 4, 1904.

Present Geo. A. Olney, Geo. Jacobson and Mayor Jeter. Absent Jas. C. Robinson.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Motion made, seconded, that license of J. H. Ellsworth, be exempted on account of age and infirmities; motion carried.

Bill of Safford Lumber Co., for lumber for culvert, presented, moved and seconded that bill be allowed and clerk ordered to draw warrant for same.

Application from Gila Valley Telephone Co., for reduction of license on account of small business done in Safford; dismissed. Motion by Geo. Olney to cut license to \$24 per year, seconded and carried.

Motion made and seconded, that clerk's salary be reduced to \$5 per month from Jan. 1st, 1904. There being no further business it was moved and seconded to adjourn.

H. L. CASTLE, Clerk.

## Cured After Suffering Ten Years.

B. F. Hare, supt. Miami Cycle & Mfg. Co., Middletown, O., suffered for ten years with dyspepsia. He spent hundreds of dollars for medicine and with doctors without receiving permanent benefit. He says, "One night while feeling exceptionally bad I was about to throw down the evening paper when I saw an item in the paper regarding the merits of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. I concluded to try it and while I had no faith in it I felt better after the second dose. After using two bottles I am stronger and better than I have been in years, and I recommend Kodol Dyspepsia Cure to my friends and acquaintances suffering from stomach trouble." Sold by Safford Drug Co., Safford; M. E. Fort, Thatcher.

## School Report.

Lamb district for Dec. 1903. Number enrolled, 14; average daily attendance, 13.56; percentage on average number belonging, 96.

Neither absent nor tardy: Misses Ola Lewis, Minnie Lewis, Lizzie Lamb, Jennie Lamb, Mamie Owen and Roxie Webb; Frank Owen and Joseph Webb.

Exemplary in deportment: Ola Lewis, Minnie Lewis, Lizzie Lamb, Jennie Lamb, Sarah Lewis and Joseph Webb.

School is progressing nicely in studies. V. B. CALLISON, Teacher.

## ANOTHER CHICAGO FIRE.

### Nearly Six Hundred Persons Miserably Perished in the Flames Of a Burning Theatre.

One of the most terrible holocausts in the world's history occurred in Chicago on the afternoon of Dec. 30th in the Iroquois theatre.

A matinee was being played and there were about 1300 people in the building at the time; 582 of whom perished like so many rats in a trap.

When the fire was first discovered it spread rapidly toward the front of the stage, causing the members of the chorus, who were then engaged in a performance, to flee to the wings with screams of terror. The fire in itself up to this time was not serious and could possibly have been checked had not the asbestos curtain failed to work.

As soon as the fire was discovered, Eddie Foy, the chief comedian of the company, shouted to lower the curtain and this was immediately done. It descended about half way and stuck. The fire was thus given practically a free through which a strong draft was setting, aided by the doors, which had been thrown open in the front of the theatre. With a roar and a bound, the flames shot through the opening over the heads of the people on the first floor and reaching clear up to those on the first balcony, caught them and burned them to death where they sat. Following this rush of the flames there came an explosion which lifted the entire roof of the theatre from the walls, shattering the sky-tight into fragments.

The fire began in the middle of the second act, an electric wire broke, and was grounded, and from this the flames were started in the rear of the stage. The stage is unusually wide and there was so great a draft that the flames spread rapidly. They attacked all the scenery in the rear of the house. "I never believed it possible for a fire to spread so rapidly," said the comedian. "When it started I was at the footlights and to prevent alarming the audience, I said that there was a slight blaze and that it would be better to leave quietly. Then I stepped back and called for the asbestos curtain to be lowered. This curtain, when about half way down, refused to go further, and thus additional delay was entailed. This swept the flames out into the auditorium and I knew that the theatre was doomed. I hurried back to the stage and aided the women members of the company into the alley. Some of them were in their dressing gowns and were almost overcome by the smoke when they got down to the stage and to the doors.

"The simple fact that curtain did not descend is what saved the company, although it caused such a horrible catastrophe in the front of the house. After the curtain had refused to descend there came an explosion of the gas tanks and with the curtain down, all the fire and gas would have been confined between the rear wall of the theatre and the fire proof curtain in front. Under these circumstances it would not have been possible for a single member of the company to escape alive unless he or she had been standing immediately in front of the door leading into the alley. As it was, the draft carried all the gas and fire out beneath the curtain and the company was saved, although their salvation was the death of so many poor people in front."

There are dead lying at the undertaking establishments, police stations and hospitals by hundreds from which nearly everything that could reveal their identity to know them best is gone. Their clothing is torn to rags or burned to cinders and their faces have been mashed into an unrecognizable pulp by the heels of the crowd that trampled them down as they fled for safety.

When the firemen arrived the front entrance was blocked with bodies 16 feet in depth. Bodies were found in every conceivable form. Heads, arms and legs had been trampled from the bodies and in a number of instances people were found sitting in their seats burned to a crisp.

## LAYTON ITEMS.

Special Correspondence

Layton, Jan. 7, 1904.

## ANOTHER SAD FUNERAL.

On New Years day another sad funeral took place in our little town, when the last respects of a

large and sympathetic audience were paid to the remains of Mrs. Inez J. Ellsworth, wife of Ernest Ellsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth have been married four years, during which time three children were born, two of them having preceded their mother to the Great Beyond. The genealogy of the deceased lady was given by Father Merrill, who was very intimately acquainted with her ancestors, and in their company passed through the exciting scenes of the early history of the church. His discourse was listened to with rapt attention by the audience and relatives assembled. Prest. Wm. D. Johnson delivered the closing address. Interment took place in the Union cemetery under the direction of Bishop Welker.

Mr. Ellsworth with his infant son have the sympathy of the entire community. Mrs. Ellsworth was 28 years of age.

On account of sickness our school did not open last Monday, and all public gatherings have been discontinued for a short time, not because we have any serious cases of sickness any more than has been prevalent in the valley for some months, but as the sanitary officer saw fit to quarantine one of the families residing in our district and attending our school, and another family in attendance at our Sabbath school, who have no sickness at all, but were quarantined because their children had been playing with the former family, who had one case of diphtheria. Our trustees and ecclesiastical officers united in seconding the efforts of the above mentioned officer in suppressing and stamping out anything in the shape of contagious disease, severe or otherwise, and in this action our educational and religious guardians have the backing of the entire settlement.

Some of our farmers are very busy irrigating their farms in anticipation of scarcity of water later in the season. They realize that winter irrigation is a good thing whether water is scarce in the summer or not.

Some of our gardeners are also preparing for active operations, although the majority of them have come to the conclusion that their efforts at raising all kinds of vegetables with the kind of water we have, are futile, as only a few of the hardier kinds can be coaxed to grow at all, and even they do not grow nor produce as was the case before the poisonous matter from the mines was allowed to impregnate our life giving fluid. The sooner the much talked of preventives become effectual, the better it will be for our citizens who labor from sunrise to sunset and see the result of their labors swept away as a result of carelessness on the part of a crowd of wealthy capitalists. Just a little longer and our citizens will rise en masse and demand protection from such gross injustice.

## Can't Do Without It.

Mrs. Lisania Judd of Pima, who was one of the first subscribers to the GUARDIAN and was a regular subscriber until last September, when she had her paper discontinued, writes us as follows:

Pima, Ariz., Jan. 1, 1904. EDITOR GUARDIAN: Dear sir: I cannot do without your paper any longer. Please put my name on your list again.

Mrs. Judd simply voices the sentiments of nearly all who think they do not need the paper any longer and have it discontinued.

## Just One Minute.

One Minute cough cure gives relief in one minute, because it kills the microbe which tickles the mucous membrane, causing the cough, and at the same time clears the phlegm, draws out the inflammation and heals and soothes the affected parts. One Minute cough cure strengthens the lungs, wards off pneumonia and is a harmless and never failing cure in all curable cases of coughs, colds and croup. One Minute cough cure is pleasant to take, harmless and good alike for old and young. Sold by Safford Drug Co., Safford; M. E. Fort, Thatcher.

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## HELD WITHOUT BAIL.

### The Murderers of Young Berry and The Mexican boy in the Gila County Jail.

Sheriff C. R. Rogers, of Gila county, passed through Safford on Tuesday and informed us that the murderers of young Berry and the Mexican boy in the Tonto Basin had been held by the Justice of the Peace at Payson for murder and had refused them bail. One of the men claimed to have done both killings, pleading self-defense. But the evidence was very conclusive that it was premeditated murder.

Feeling over the affair ran very high, part of the people declaring that they would take the prisoners from the officers and lynch them, while the balance seemed just as determined to turn them loose.

The officers were advised to take their prisoners by way of Prescott and Phoenix, but Under Sheriff Pollard Pearson was there and he is not easily bluffed. He brought his prisoners through the mountains and lodged them in jail at Globe. It is said that both prisoners have previously done time in the penitentiary.

Wm. Berry, father of young Berry, accompanied by David Lee and W. W. Pace went to Tonto Basin last week to investigate the case.

On Tuesday last J. T. Berry and family and the children of Wm. Berry arrived in Safford from Apache county and the same day he and Dr. Platt left for the scene of the murder. The body of young Berry will be taken up and brought to Thatcher for burial.

## CASES QUARANTINED.

### County Board of Health Have Taken Steps to Prevent the Spread of Diphtheria.

On last Friday morning Dr. Burch was notified that it was believed that the Schmidt family was afflicted with diphtheria, and he arrived in Safford that night. An inspection of the infected family convinced him that they had diphtheria and they were quarantined.

On Saturday morning Drs. Burch and Wish quarantined M. P. Snow's family as one of the children showed pronounced signs of diphtheria. Another family was also quarantined because some of the children had been exposed. The Snow child has now recovered, but the Schmidt family seems to have the disease in a malignant form. They lost two children last week and another one, a little boy, died on Tuesday night.

Dr. Burch stated that he was very much surprised to learn from a member of the board of health that diphtheria existed here, as he had received no previous report of its existence, and that he lost no time in getting here when notified. When the doctor arrived, he took prompt and vigorous steps to suppress the disease and he stated that in the future he should insist on prompt reports from all physicians in the county on all diseases that the law makes it their duty to perform. As Dr. Burch could not remain here, Dr. Wish was designated by him to work with the health board and see that the quarantine is rigidly enforced where it becomes necessary to establish it.

The fact that three members of one family have died within a week, shows how dangerous the disease is and should be a warning to people to be very cautious. It is the duty of every citizen to report the presence of any contagious disease to the sanitary physician and we will guarantee that he will take prompt measures for its suppression.

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## LOCAL NEWS OF THE WEEK.

### Items of Local Interest Gathered by Reporters on their Rounds.

## DOINGS IN AND ABOUT TOWN

### Broody Little Notes of General Interest Picked up Here and There.

This paper is kept on file at E. C. Dale's advertising agency, 124 Sansome Street San Francisco, California, where contracts for advertising can be made for it.

Mrs. W. D. Jefferson is quite ill with typhoid fever.

Ben Olney was in town Wednesday from Aravaipa.

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A. C. Alexander, of Thomas, spent last Tuesday and Wednesday in Safford.

Hunter Spoon, the liveryman of Morenci, was a visitor in Safford yesterday.

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Miss Cora Jefferson was called home this week from Rice on account of the illness of her mother.

The wife and daughter of C. O. Foltz, of Oro Blanco, Arizona, were burned to death in the Chicago theatre fire.

W. E. Murphy, former chief clerk of the surveyors office, under Surveyor General Price, is registered at the Jones hotel.

Wm. Kirtland has leased his blacksmith shop to A. L. Bartholomew, of San Carlos. Mr. Bartholomew took charge on January 1st.

Mr. Wise, of Santa Cruz county, has been in Safford several days this week, looking over this part of the country.

Mrs. Edward Pomeroy, of Thatcher, returned on Tuesday last from a visit to her husband's relatives at Mesa City.

B. E. Norton was a visitor in Safford from his Cedar Springs ranch on Wednesday. Barney says water in the mountains is becoming very scarce.

W. H. Allbritton has been spending the week in the valley. Mr. Allbritton says the socialists are picking up lots of recruits on Deer Creek.

The ladies are talking of giving a leap year ball in the near future. The gentlemen will then have a chance of finding out how it goes to be wall flowers.

A niece of Wm. H. Barnes, of Tucson, was in the Iroquois theater that burned in Chicago on New Years eve, at the time of the fire. Fortunately she escaped.

On Tuesday morning at Tombstone Judge Doan sentenced a boy 16 years old, named Frank Pestonetti, to the reform school for five years, for stealing a horse.

We understand that every member of the Schmidt family is now afflicted with the diphtheria, including Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt. Wayne Parsley has been a faithful nurse in this afflicted family ever since the disease broke. We would suggest that our citizens ascertain whether or not they can be of any service to them.

Judge Mashbir was very highly complimented by the Board of Supervisors on his yearly report of the proceedings of the Safford justice court, which appears elsewhere. This is the first time that any justice has submitted such a report.

## BONITA NEWS.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO GUARDIAN

Bonita, Jan. 4, 1904.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Figgs on Dec. 31st, a daughter, at the home of the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Wood. The little lady is very small; only weighing 5 pounds, but seems strong and healthy.

Miss Kathryn Wood returned to Huachuca, accompanied by her sister, Vera, who will visit her a short time.

M. H. Mason went to Solomonville yesterday on business. He was accompanied by his little daughter, Norma.

A card party was given Saturday, Jan. 2nd, at the home of Mr. P. Maher, in honor of Mrs. H. F. Knowler. A merry crowd assembled and enjoyment was participated in by all. Mrs. A. Johnson acted as hostess, and in the "wee wee" hours the guests departed, all agreeing that they had one of the best times they had ever had.

Mr. Percy Wood expects to leave for Los Angeles soon.

Mrs. Booth and family, of Ft. Grant, departed for California, where they will make their home. No. 33.

## What's in a Name?

Everything is in the name when it comes to Witch Hazel Salve. E. C. DeWitt & Co., of Chicago discovered some years ago how to make a salve from Witch Hazel that is a specific for piles. For blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, eczema, cuts, burns, bruises and all skin diseases DeWitt's salve has no equal. This has given rise to numerous worthless counterfeits. Ask for DeWitt's—The genuine. Sold by Safford Drug Co., Safford; M. E. Fort, Thatcher.

## PHYSICIANS.

C. L. Wish M. D. Physician and Surgeon. SAFFORD, ARIZONA. Office at residence.

## LEGAL.

T. S. Bunch, Attorney-at-Law. Office Next Door to Post Office. SAFFORD, ARIZONA

Wiley E. Jones, Attorney-at-Law. CLIFTON, ARIZONA. Practices in all Federal and Territorial Courts

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Joseph H. Lines, Justice of the Peace and Conveyancer. Pima. All work promptly attended to. ARIZONA

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